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MEMORANDUM FOR All Eighth United States Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Eighth United States Army Command Policy Letter #20 -- Korea Army
Family Readiness Group -- Operation Ready

1. The Family Readiness Group (FRG) is an official command sanctioned organization of family members, volunteers and Soldiers belonging to a unit. It provides an avenue of mutual support and assistance, and a network of communications among the family members, the chain of command and community resources.

2. The Department of the Army has developed a FRG Leader's Handbook with guidelines and information designed to aid Commanders and family volunteers in the establishment and operation of their FRGs. This handbook, helpful links and other material can be downloaded at the 8th Army Well-Being web page located at <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/G1/Well-Being/Start.htm>.

3. I fully support FRGs and direct that all MSC Commanders have a fully operational FRG system for their respective organization. The minimum requirements for 8th Army FRGs are:

a. Develop an organization phone/e-mail tree/contact roster which includes CONUS families also.

b. FRGs will include families in the Republic of Korea and those not located in the Republic of Korea.

c. Identify an MSC FRG POC who will establish contact with the local Korea Area Army Community Service (ACS) Center. Area ACS contacts in Korea are listed below.

(1) Area I = DSN: 732-3062.

(2) Area II = DSN: 738-7510.

(3) Area III = DSN: 753-7439.

(4) Area IV = DSN: 768-7610.

d. Ensure all family members residing in the Republic of Korea are prepared to evacuate (NEO).

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4. The following goals will ensure that FRGs contribute directly to peninsula organizations and Soldier readiness.

a. Establish connections with all families.

b. Support the mission through provision of support, outreach and information to all families.

5. Any perceptions that FRGs are not required in the Republic of Korea are totally false. Today is a different Army... 8th Army has organizations that have deployed to support on going operations in Iraq. FRGs have proven their effectiveness and are great tools for the command. We will have functional Family Readiness Groups in Korea.

6. My FRG point of contact is Mr. Tim Spann, ACofS G1, DSN: 723-8537, e-mail: SpannT@korea.army.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles C. Campbell", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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